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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT OF SPAIN 1655

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CARICOM OIL SUPPLY TALKS APPARENTLY INCONCLUSIVE

REF: POS 1641 AND PREVIOUS

1. THE RESULTS OF THE HIGH-LEVEL CARICOM OIL SUPPLY MEETING IN TRINIDAD DECEMBER 18 CHAIRED BY PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS ARE SHROUDED IN THE PM'S CHARACTERISTIC SECRECY. MANLEY, THE ONLY OTHER HEAD OF GOVERNMENT ATTENDING, TOLD THE PRESS THAT "A NUMBER OF VERY COMPLEX ISSUES HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED; AND WE NOW HAVE TO GO BACK AND INDIVIDUALLY DISCUSS THOSE ISSUES AGAIN WITH A VIEW TO WORKING OUT A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM." THE GOTT REPORTEDLY SOUGHT AGREEMENT OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO AN UNSPECIFIED TRINIDADIAN PROPOSAL. JAMAICAN HIGH COMMISSION PROFESSES TO HAVE BEEN SATISFIED BY RESULTS OF MEETING.

2. LOCAL TEXACO OFFICIALS CLAIM NOT TO HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF WHAT TRANSPIRED. TEXACO STRESSES THAT IT IS DOING
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ITS BEST TO MEET GOTT'S PRIOR DIRECTIVE TO MAINTAIN PREVIOUS LEVELS

OF SUPPLY TO CARICOM NATIONS, AND THAT IT IS UNREALISTIC FOR
THOSE NATIONS TO EXPECT MORE.

3. GOTT REMAINS CONCERNED OVER REVENUE IMPLICATIONS OF
REDUCED LEVEL OF PETROLEUM PROCESSING (POS 1515). FINANCE
MINISTER CHAMBERS TOLD AMBASSADOR, HOWEVER, THAT IT IS TOO
EARLY TO TELL WHETHER INCREASED ROYALTY REVENUES (FROM HIGHER
PRICES RECEIVED FOR TRINIDADIAN CRUDE EXPORTS) WOULD BE ABLE
TO OFFSET THE DROP IN PROCESSING FEES.
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